

HOUSE RESOLUTION 66
By Newton

A RESOLUTION to honor The Day Family singing group for their outstanding contributions to gospel music.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, The Day Family gospel music singers are one such group of noteworthy Tennesseans who for over 40 years have entertained and comforted those in their time of need with their unique display of musical and singing talents; and

WHEREAS, formed in 1956 as The Day Brothers, Kenneth, Hoyt, Harve, Jr. and Paul Day traveled in Tennessee and Georgia singing at revivals and gospel singings, and oftentimes were accompanied by their parents, Dora and Harve, Sr., who supported the group's ministry with their attendance and prayers; and

WHEREAS, eventually Kenneth Day, with his wife, Essie, and daughter, Mary, began singing as The Day Family; a son, Darrell, later joined the group as a bass guitarist; and

WHEREAS, since its inception The Day Family has added three grandchildren to the group, Tracy Fansler, Tanna Whaley and Darren Fansler; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth and Essie Day have instilled in this much heralded musical family a great love of gospel music, along with a commitment to God, church and community, as

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evidenced by their four great-grandchildren, Bethany, Ethan, Ember and Devin, who sing together in church; and

WHEREAS, the members of The Day Family have also dedicated their lives to helping families in their time of need, performing in over thirteen hundred funerals since 1973, providing solace and comfort to grief-stricken families with their songs and support in the process; and

WHEREAS, they are true representatives of the "Volunteer State" and are the perfect example of persons totally committed to family and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby recognize The Day Family singing group for their numerous accomplishments and extend to its members our heartfelt thanks for their years of devoted service to others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.